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TASK FORCE IS FORMED TO STUDY FISH PRODUCTION

Assistant Secretary Nathaniel P. Reed, who heads the Interior Department's programs for fish, wildlife, parks, and outdoor recreation, today announced that a special task force has been created to study fish production efforts of Federal and State agencies.

The task force will focus on the Federal-State relationship to determine how these different levels of government can work together to insure the most effective use of the hatchery product. Closely related activities such as endangered species propagation and fish disease control also will be explored.

An initial report of the task force is due in May.

Chairman of the Group is Dr. Alex Calhoun, former chief of California's inland fisheries program. Other official members are Charles Kelly, director, Alabama Division of Game and Fish; Chuck Burrows, supervisor, fisheries section, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources; Bud Phelps, director, Utah Wildlife Resources Division; and Carl Sullivan, executive secretary, Sport Fishing Institute. Kelly is chairman of the executive committee and Phelps second vice-president of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners. Burrows is a member of the American Fisheries Society.

Advisory members are Spencer Smith, western field coordinator of Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service, and Dr. Fred Cleaver, director, Columbia River Fisheries Development program, Commerce Department's National Marine Fisheries Service.

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